

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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December 7, 2004

FROM: JAMES A. FELTEN, Director
Department of Public Health

SUBJECT: CONTRACT WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE
DENTAL DISEASE PREVENTION PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION: Approve contract with the State Department of Health Services in the amount of \$679,260, for the Dental Disease Prevention Program, for the period July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2007.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: This item requests approval of a contract with the State Department of Health Services in the amount of \$679,260, to continue the Dental Disease Prevention Program during the period July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2007.

On May 18, 2004, the Board approved submission of a grant application to the State Department of Health Services, in the amount of \$780,000, to continue the Dental Disease Prevention Program during the period July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2007. Under this contract, the Department will continue to provide dental disease prevention services to elementary schools that request the services. These services include dental health education, dental screenings, tooth brushing, nutrition, dental safety, and fluoride-related tooth decay protection activities. Dental sealants are also provided to eligible grade 2 and grade 5 students in targeted schools. Parental permission is obtained prior to providing services.

Due to funding constraints at the State level, the actual award is less than the originally requested amount. As a result, the Department has negotiated with the State to lower the number of children served from the original 26,000 to 22,000, annually.

Dental disease is a prevalent health problem in school-age children. The State of California, Department of Health Services, Office of Oral Health, provides funds to local health jurisdictions to support the provision of school-based dental disease prevention services. The Department of Public Health has operated the Dental Disease Prevention Program since 1979.

This item is being presented to the Board at this time as the formal contract was not received from the State until November 2, 2004.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Charles Larkin, Deputy County Counsel, (909) 387-4177) on November 24, 2004. This item has also been reviewed by County Administrative Office (Beatriz Valdez, Administrative Analyst, (909) 388-0211) on November 10, 2004.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Approval of this item requires no local County cost. This contract is for the amount of \$679,260 for the period July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2007. All expenditures will be fully reimbursed by the State Department of Health Services. Appropriations and revenue in the amount of \$226,420 are included in the Department's Fiscal Year 2004-05 budget. The Department will include \$226,420 in the FY 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 budget requests.

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COST REDUCTION REVIEW: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this item and recommends its approval as it will impose no local cost to the County and will allow the Department to better meet the health needs of San Bernardino County residents.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: James A. Felten, Public Health Director, (909) 387-9146